LATE NEWS BY WIRE APPEAL MADE FOR FUNDS

Cretan Insurgents Are Instructed to Accept Autonomy.

RESIDENT TURKS MAKE PROTEST

They Express Fears of the Hostility of the Christians.

GREEKS AT THERMOPYLAE

CANDIA, Island of Crete, May 21.-The Cretan insurgents have received instruction from Athens to accept an autonomo form of government, on condition that the Turkish troops shall be previously withdrawn from the island The insurgents appear to approve of this plan for the settlement of their grievances. The Mussulmans of Crete, however, have telegraphed to the sultan protesting at being "placed in the power of the majority, which betrayed such hostility to the Mussulmans by the carnage at Sitia, and the destruction of all the Mahommedan villeges " adding "Autonomy under such circumstances cannot fail to perpetuate race wars and will only briefly postpone the revival of the annexation question with all its disastrous

Greek Camp at Thermopylae.

CHALOIS, Island of Euboea, May 21 .-According to details received here of the retreat of the Greek troops from Domokos, 15,000 Turks, on Tuesday, attacked the positions which the Greeks had taken up in the Phourka pass. The Greeks numbered about 10,000 men, the rest of their army having retreated to Lamia. The Turks bombarded the defenders of the pass with heavy guns, but there was a cessation of fighting at 8 o'clock in the evening, when the Greeks still maintained all their positions. On Wednesday, however, the Greeks retired to Taratza, closely pursued by the

There another engagement was fought a 10 o'clock in the morning. Twenty squadrons of Turkish cavairy, by a flanking move-ment, attempted to cut off the retreat of the Greeks. The firing was heavy, and many of the Turkish cavairymen were killed. As soon as it became known that an armistice had been arranged the fight-ing ceased, and the Greeks retired to Laing ceased, and the Greeks retired to La-

The Turks on Thursday left the Phourka pass and retired beyond the old frontier line. Crown Prince Constantine has establishe his hea quarters at Thermopolae, with General Smolenski, Colonel Vassos and the

Late Defeat Causes Panic. PARIS, May 21.-The Athens correspondent of the Journal, referring to the recent defeat of the Greeks, telegraphs:

"The stupor and panic caused by the latest defeat is intense. The people seem to expect the immediate arrival of the Turks at Athens. On all sides families are preparing to go to the islands, anxious crowds parade the streets, and there is the wildest excitement everywhere.

"I learn that some shots were fired at the crown prince as he endeavored to stay the confusion. Two Greek battalions were seized with panic, and the retreating soldiers, on entering Lamia, could not be restrained by their officers. They shouted 'The Turks are coming.' The panic which resulted was increased by the jail birds, who had been released, and caused disorder throughout

KANSAS SILVER REPUBLICANS. Rather Slim Attendance at the Topeka

TOPEKA, Kans., May 21.-The proposed state mass meeting of free silver republicans proved rather a slim affair. Only about forty delegates were present. Thos. P. Anderson, Wyandot county, was made temporary chairman. He stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the future as had been suggested by Teller and other free silver leaders. It was a conference, not a convention, and it would elect one delegate to the national conference, to be held at Chicago in July. It was the duty of free silver republicans to organize a permanent y, he said. He believed common nd could be found upon which free

silver republicans, democrats and populists could unite. J. P. Rossiter was made temporary sec retary and made a speech along the same line of Mr. Anderson's utterances. After adopting radical free silver resolutions and electing a state central committee of fifteen members, the convention adjourned.

C. B. TYLER BADLY HURT.

Had a Fainting Spell and Fell Out of His Buggy. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star

FAIRFAX C. H., Va., May 21.-Mr. Chas B. Tyler met with a very painful accident last night, which may prove fatal. He was on his way from Washington by himself in a buggy, and was about four miles from the village, when he was seized suddenly with a fainting spell, and fell over the wheels on the stony turnpike. He was found by Mr. F. A. Hollis, a marketman, who happened to be passing some time When found he was lying with his face

downwards between two rocks in a pool of blood. Mr. Hollis attempted to put him in his wagon, but he objected, saying that his back was broken. Mr. Holiis drove on and notified some people on the road, who went back and put Mr. Tyler in a wag in and brought him to his home here.

His face and head are badly bruised and cut and the flesh on his hands is badly torn and lacerated. Dr. F. M. Brooks rendered the necessary surgical attention.

WILL USE THE SAME AGENTS.

Baptist Societies Will Combine in Their Efforts to Raise Funds.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 21.-When the question of adopting a plan to raise the balance of the money necessary to obtain the \$250,000 offered by John D. Reckefeller is taken up Saturday by the Northern Raptist Missionary societies, now assem bled in convention in this city, it is quite probable that a suggestion offered by the Baptist Home Missionary Society, that all the Baptist missionary societies combire and employ the same agents to collect for all the societies, will be agreed to. The money thus collected is to be paid into a general treasury and divided pro rata be-tween the societies in proportion to the size of the debt of each.

This plan, if adopted, will result in a reduction in the number of collectors to such an extent that at least \$75,000 in salaries and expenses will be saved during

LAKE STEAMER SUNK.

Florida of the Lackawanna Line in Collision on Lake Huron. CHICAGO, May 21.-During a dense fog

the steamer Florida of the Lackawanna line was sunk by collision with the steamer G. W. Roby in Lake Huron, off Middle Island, yesterday afternoon. The crew of the Florida was taken to Port Huron.

NO DEGREES FOR WOMEN.

Cambridge University Rejects the Proposition by Big Majority. CAMBRIDGE, England, May 21.-Cambridge University today, by a vote of 1,713 to 662, rejected the proposal to confer degrees upon women.

More Gold Going Out. NEW YORK, May 21.-Lazard Freres, agents for the Bank of France, will ship

Committee of Eleven Reports on the Proposed Presbyterian Building.

Ex-President Harrison Presents a Gavel to the New Moderator on Rehalf of Indiana Presbyterians.

EAGLE LAKE, Ind., May 21.-The Presbyterian general assembly today was open ed with devotional exercises, led by Rev. A. Forbes Irwin of Hutchinson, Kan. Before taking up the docket a gavel was presented to Moderator Jackson by ex-President Benjamin Harrison on behalf of the Presbyterians of Indiana. The donor speke at length upon the symbolism of the woods used in its construction, and the mccerator replied in a few appropriate words. The moderator announced chairmen of committees, and afterward the first order cf the morning was made the report of the committee of eleven on the Presbyterian building in New York.

Report of the Committee. Dr. Withrow, the chairman, read the report and it was as follows:

"Your committee held its first meetings in New York city July 28 and 29, 1896. An extended conference was held with the boards of home and foreign missions, and a statement given to the public the next

week.

"The committee held a second meeting in the city of New York, on March 17 and 18, 1897, all the members present except Gen. Harrison and Mr. Williams, and adopted the following, viz: 'In view of the action taken by the assembly of 1894, prior to the letting of the contract for the building as shown by its minutes, hereinbefore given, we conceive our only duty to be to given, we conceive our only duty to be to confer with the two boards, and to advise as to the course to be pursued in connection with the new Presbyterian house."

"The committee finds that there is no pending offer from any one to buy the property, nor has there been since the first meeting of this committee.

"The resignation of Mr. McHugh's remaining of this committee."

meeting of this committee.

"Whether the property on 20th street and 5th avenue, as well as that on 5th avenue and 12th street, should be sold or not, are matters which, under existing conditions, may be properly and safely left to the determination of the two boards.

"The application of the money derived from the Stuart estate toward the erection of the new building was not an illegal use of the new building was not an illegal use

Increased Contributions Asked.

"The committee advises urgent appeals to all the churches of our denomination to make not only their ordinary but increased contributions for home and foreign missionary operations; in the full confidence that under no circumstances will money given for current work be applied to the account of the new building, but that the debt thereon must be provided for by other contributions for that purpose. "In view of these facts your committee offers for adoption the following resolu-

"1. That the disposition of the two properties in question shall now be left to the coards of home and foreign missions as agents of our church. "2. That the general assembly hereby express its cordial appreciation of the laborious services, the sacrifice of time and as well the contributions of money made by members of the boards and others also in the conduct of these enterprises.

"3. That the general assembly approves of the action of the committee and herewith discharges the committee of eleven. The report was signed by J. L. Withrow, Benjamin Harrison, John Wanamaker, John M. Harlan, James A. Beaver, Thos. Ewing, Samuel B. Huey, H. B. Silliman, Alexander McDonald, Robert S. Williams.

GOOD SHOWING MADE.

Reports Made to Baptist Publication Society in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 21.-The secon day's session of the American Baptist Publication Society opened at 9:45 o'clock this morning. President Crozeer called the business session to order at 10 o'clock. About 200 delegates were present. The first business was the report of the publishing department. Rev. Geo. E. Horr, D. D., of the sentimental religious book, and said there was too much of such literature in the church and Sunday school libraries. Rev. C. A. Barbour of New York then read the report of the committee on missionary department.

Rev. C. H. Rust of Wisconsin followed with an interesting address on "Work in the Chapel Car." Rev. E. S. Stucker of Illinois spoke at considerable length upon the publication

society in the northwest, during which he stated that in the twenty states from In-diana to California there are 7,000 Baptist churches, with less than 5,000 Baptist Sun-day schools. Of a population of 23,000,000 souls, less than 440,000 are Baptists. He suggested the need and great importance of a building in Chicago, and said: "One coming to Chicago in these days needs a guide to show him where he may find some Rev. Richard Carroll of South Carolina

closed the addresses with an account of the work among the colored people. The annual report of the board of managers was read by General Secretary Row-land of Philadelphia. The summing up of the year showed very encouraging results. Two months after the beginning of the year the headquarters of the society were burned out, including all machinery. withstanding these difficulties and hind-rances, the year was a successful one. The total amount of sales in merchandise and periodicals was \$607,396.86. This was an increase over the preceding year of

348,506.53,

In the publication department 122 publications were issued, forty-eight more than during the previous year. Of these 2,709,028 copies were printed.

The report further showed that the society had kept ninety-eight missionaries in the field, had given away 7,793 books, distributed 638,928 pages of tracts, aided 113 Sunday schools with denations of Syrip.

unday schools with donations of Scriptures, books, etc., and aided 243 pastors and ministerial students with grants for their libraries.

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The report of the treasurer showed the total receipts from all sources to have been \$1,100,315.54. A cash balance on hand, April 1, 1896, of \$5,701.88, brought the total to

\$1,112,017.42.

This is equaled by the expenditures, to which amount is added \$34,608.56, due from opened accounts. The assets are \$972,708.39, while the liabilities are \$102,104.86, leaving the net assets \$570,603.53.

In the missionary department the total receipts were \$114,445.87, and the expenditures \$128,862.71. The deficit was paid out of a balance in the Bible department.

COSTA RICA OBJECTS.

Opposed to the Frelinghuysen Treaty as It Relates to the Nicaragua Canal. Information reaches here from Salvador that Senor Zeledon, a special envoy from Costa Rica, has protested in behalf of that government against the renewal of negotiations for the Frelinghuysen treaty of 1885, relating to the Nicaragua canal. The protest is said to be the result of the recent action of Minister Rodriguez of the Greater Republic of Central America in presenting a letter to Secretary Olney protesting against the Nicaragua canal bill then pending in the Senate. Mr. Olney sent the letter to Mr. Sherman, then chairman of the committee on foreign relations, who before the Senate, and it was largely in-strumental in securing the abandonment of he bill. It led to a statement by Sherman favorable to a renewal of the Freinghuysen treaty, which contemplates the building of the canal by the United States without the intermediate. States without the intermediary of a private canal company. Costa Rica has always opposed this plan and protested against the Frelinghuysen treaty when it was first negotiated

against the Freinghuysen treaty when it was first negotiated. The renewal of the protest at this time may have a material effect on any negotiations to renew this treaty. Flood of Spurious Coin.

Special Disputch to The Evening Star. WHITESBURG, Ky., May 21.-The try here is flooded with spurious coin. The best counterfeit halves, quarters and \$1,200,000 in gold by the French liner to-morrow. This is the first engagement of the week.

MR. MeHUGH RESIGNS.

The Plan for Harmony and What It Mr. James F. McHugh, president of the local Federation of Labor, yesterday placed in the hands of Secretary Maidens his resignation of his office, and directed that the letter be read at the meeting of the federa-

tion Tuesday evening next. It is understood that Mr. McHugh's motive in taking the step is to aid in bringing about, if possible, a union of the various crafts of organized workingmen in the Dis-

trict for the purposes of mutual benefit.
Mr. McHugh today stated to a Star reporter that his resignation was impelled by his becoming convinced in his own mind that the highest results could never be attained by the members of organized labor societies in the District of Columbia so long as the constant clashing which has existed for more than a year between the existed for more than a year between the organizations belonging to the federation and those affiliated with the Central Labor Union continues. As the matter now stands, if one side secures a contract for a job of work the others denounce it as

"scab."

Many instances could, he said be mentioned; the most prominent of which was the pending case of Capt. E. S. Randall, which was referred to at length in The Star of yesterday, and he was perfectly satisfied that the only way to produce harmony in the ranks of organized labor in the District was for the executive officers of all the central bodies to retire from their present positions and let disinterested and unprejudiced parties be chosen to succeed them.

In taking this step Mr. McHugh said he did not intend to cease attending the meetings of the federation, but would from his place on the floor do all in his power to advance the welfare of the union men here generally.

here generally.

Mr. McHugh has been the choice of the Federation for the presidency seven con-secutive terms, his last re-election having been made by a unanimous vote. He is also general secretary and treasurer of the Jour-neymen Stonecutters' Association of North America, in which capacity he has also served nearly seven years.

In speaking about Mr. 'McHugh's resignation President Milford Spohn of the Cen-

"The resignation of Mr. McHugh is of no significance whatever. If it means any-thing at all, it means that the local Federation has disintegrated to such an extent that the presidency is not desirable.
"So far as the resignation, as stated, be-

ing in the interest of harmony, any one intimate with the local condition of labor knows that this cannot be accomplished by the efforts of Mr. McHugh. "The scheme to combine all the locals in the District in a single central body with-

out national affiliation is now and ever will be an impossibility.
"So far as the trade unions are concerned the local Federation has been so con ducted for years, and the trade union prin-ciple of national affiliation finally prevailed,

and the local Federation as a charterless.

independent body, has rapidly disinteg-rated.
"This trial of the independent scheme, under the most favorable condition, and its failure leave no doubt as to the imprac-ticability of the formation of a similar body upon the debris of the local federa-tion. Perfect harmony now exists among the trades unions of this city and if there is a discordant element it is not blame-able to the conditions of organization, but to the natural perseverance of a certain class of men, who unfortunately are so con-stituted that they are only happy when

engaged in strife.
"While at times the relations of some of the organization become somewhat dis-cordant it does not portend a disruption of the local labor forces. In fact, organized labor in this city is in a better condition generally than ever before, and it is confidently predicted by those intimate with local labor conditions that at the end of this year labor in this District will be in far better condition than ever before. "Time will adjust all differences without

POOLING RAILWAY BATES.

the character of local organization by mak-

ing a crusade against the time-tried and time-honored principles of trades union-

Opposition of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The members of the interstate commerce commission have sent to Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee on interstate tion in favor of authorizing the pooling of railway rates. The members favor nonaction now, there being five or more cases pending before the United States Supreme Court, involving the most important provisions of the act. These cases have been already tried, and await the decision of the court. When decided we shall know what the law is, and better know in what respect, if any, it should be changed. The chief purpose of those who urge immediate legislation under present conditions is to authorize pooling and undo the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the trans-Missouri anti-trust cases, as provided in the proposed fifth section, which is identical with a like provision in the so-called Patterson bill of the House, No. 3837, first session, Fifty-fourth Congress. This w believe should not be done, but of congress determine otherwise, and deem it wise to authorize pooling, it should be done only on terms which will prevent the abuse of the privileges granted. In our opinion, this cannot be done except by guarantees secured before the authority to pool is given and before the contract goes into effect.

Commissioners Yeomans and Prouty qual-"We would not oppose the passage of a pooling bill provided the other amendments which are necessary to make the interstate commerce law effective were made as a part of that bill. We are opposed to the passage of the pending bill or of any other pooling bill until this commission is given by suitable amendment the power in fact which it is supposed to have and must have in order to carry out the purposes of the act to regulate commerce. We believe that the questions involved in the proposed legisthe questions involved in the proposed legis-lation are of paramount importance and should only be acted upon with the most mature consideration, and that any legis-lation at the present time would be un-wise."

FINED THE CADETS.

They Assaulted Police Officer Thomas at Annapolis, Md.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 21.-Justice Brewer today fined Passed Cadets Dunn and Eckhart \$5 and \$1, respectively, for assaulting Police Officer Thomas on Wednes day night. The testimony tended to show that the officer was somewhat at fault. The cadets were serenading after completing their examinations.

Boycott Raised. The boycott placed on the Metropolitan Electric Railroad Company nearly two years ago by District Assembly, No. 66, Knights of Labor, was removed at the meeting of the latter last evening.

Costa Rican Consul Recognised. The President has recognized Casimiro Barela as Costa Rican consul at Denver.

Government Receipts. Government receipts - From custor \$370,682; internal revenue, \$444,636; miscallaneous, \$81,375. National bank notes re-

ceived today for redemption, \$598,388. The Annual Sermon. The annual sermon before the Union Veteran Legion will be delivered next Sunday evening at the Metropolitan M. E. Church, by Rev. Luther T. Townsend, D. D., the associate pastor of the church.

Held for the Grand Jury. The case of Frederick Harris, colored, charged with mayhem, was heard in Judge Kimball's court this afternoon. Policema

Raedy arrested Harris soon after he in-

flicted the injury, and the trial of the case

was delayed because of the condition of the injured man. Judge 'Kimball committed Harris for the action of the grand jury in default of \$1,000 bail.

The specific charge against Harris was that he put out the eye of his friend, George Holmes, in Government alley, March 27 last, as published in The Star at the time.

BALFOUR'S MNEW PLAN

Ireland to Receive an Equivalent for Rates Sent to England.

Half the Poor Bates and the County Cess to de Paid Out of Imperial Funds.

LONDON, May 21. The first lord of the treasury, A. J. Balfour, made an important statement in the house of commons today regarding the government's policy at the next session of parliament.

In order to give Ireland an equivalent for the relief in agricultural rates given to England, the government, Mr. Balfour said, proposes to place both the poor Mw and the county administration on a broad, popular basis. The landlords must be relieved of al

rural rates. At present the land owners are liable to half the poor rates, which the government proposes to pay hereafter out of the imperial funds. The tenants are liable for the other half of the poor rates and the county cess.

The government proposed hereafter to pay the county cess out of the imperial funds.

This double benefit to two classes, Mr. Balfour explained, will enable the government to launch a scheme for local government which, he believed, would work safely and smoothly.

He could not now give the details of this scheme, which was placing a large charge on the exchequer; but, continued Mr. Balfcur, it was a charge which the country at large and the unionists would not grudge fifthereby they could see the way to carry out the reforms to which they had pledged Mr. Balfour was of opinion that every

class of the community would be disposed to regard with favor what he could not but think must prove one of the greatest reforms carried out under the safest conditions ever suggested in the house of commons. (Loud cheers.) Henry Edward Carson, conservative,

member for Dublin University and for-merly solicitor general for Ireland, moved to adjourn the house in order to discuss Mr. Balfour's statement. He referred in terms of approval to the proposals of the Mr. Dillon, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party; Mr. Campbell-Bannaman, liberal, and John E. Redmond, the Par-

nellite leader, also approved of th pro posals of the government.

WRIGHT ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Labor Commissioner at Head of the National Association. NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 21.-The Naional Association of Officials of Bureaus f Labor Statistics has elected Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor, president; John T. McDonough of New York, first vice president: Joseph L. Cox of Michigan, Carroll D. Wright of Washington, D. C., S. B. Horne of Connec-Washington, D. C., S. B. Horne of Connecticut, J. M. Clark of Pennsylvania and Charles H. Myers of Maryland, executive committee; S. B. Horne of Connecticut, secretary and treasurer. Detroit was selected as the next place of meeting. Reports were made and several papers read.

DELEGATE FROM INDIA.

John W. Scott Admitted to Synod Meeting at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 21.-When the third session of the general synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church opened this morning there was a long discussion over the admission of Rev. John W. Scott, a native of India. By an enabling act passed two years ago India was made a presbytery, with limited powers. Mr. Scott was finally admitted and gave an interesting talk on his experience in India. A resolution according a seat hereafter to any delegate from India was presented, but action was postponed until Monday, when a report of that presbytery will be heard. The rest of the session was taken up with the reading of the reports of the Ohio and western presbyteries.

THE NORFOLK NAVY YARD.

tigation Into Complaint's Made. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt returned

o Washington this morning from a visit of inspection to the Norfolk navy yard and the shipbuilding works of the Newport News Company. The primary purpose of Mr. Reosevelt was to look into complaints that had been rather numerous of viola tion of the spirit of the labor employment rules in the navy yard.

Like the complaints that had been made in the case of the New York navy yard, the assistant secretary found that in only a very few cases was there any substantia foundation for complaint, and even these will require further consideration, before judgment can be passed upon their effi-

As to the yard generally, the conditions were excellent, and such discontent as manifested itself among the workmen is attributed to the fact that owing to the lack of money and work it has been found to the fact that owing to the lack of money and work it has been found to be the fact that owing the lack of money and work it has been found to be the fact that the lack of money and work it has been found to be the fact that owing the lack of the lack necessary to make heavy reductions in th

force of workmen.
When a force of 2,000 men is reduced suddenly to about 600 it is no matter of surprise, in the view of the assistant secre-tary, that the unfortunates who are dismissed should feel that they have been dis criminated against.
Another similarity to the complaints

made in the case of the New York navy yard was that the bulk of the Norfolk complaints are as to discharges made since the present administration came into Mr. Roosevelt spent a day in the examination of the plant of the Newport News

Shipbuilding Company, and was much pleased with the character of the work being done for the navy in that yard, as well as with the rapidity with which it is being prosecuted.

Army Orders.

Capt. Charles E. Woodruff, assistant surgeon, has been relieved from duty at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and ordered to duty at Fort Custer, Mont.

Lieut. P. C. Fauntleroy, assistant surgeon, has been relieved from duty at Fort Niobrara, Neb., and ordered to duty at Fort Robinson, Neb., relieving Lieut. Chas. Lynch, assistant surgeon, who is ordered to duty at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Assigned as Acting Chief. Benjamin A. Harlan has been assigned as acting chief of the finance division of the pension office.

Marblehead Coming Home. The cruiser Marblehead sailed from Puerto Cortes, Honduras, yesterday for Key West. The Marblehead was sent to Honduras to protect American interests during the progress of the revolution. Her departure from the country indicates that the troubles are over and that American interests are no longer in jeopardy.

To Repair the Dry Docks The Secretary of the Navy yesterday requested of Congress that an appropriation of \$100,000 be made available immediately by joint resolution to repair the recent damages to the dry docks of the Brooklyr

navy yard. Recent Pensions Granted. Pensions have been granted as follows: District of Columbia-Original, special

May 13, Joseph Plowman, Alexander M.

Reid. Increase, Bernard Wagner, Abner Burgess. Reissue, Thomas Walls, Soldiers Home, Original widows, etc., Catharine'
F. Dowden.
Maryland—Original widows, etc., Eilen
Scott. Baltimore.
Virginia—Renewal, Albert Templeton,
Barboursville, Norfolk. Increase, William
Wunder, National Soldiers' Home, Elizabeth City.

Must Hurry in Their Reports. Commissioner of Pensions Evans will shortly issue an order requiring inspectors in the field to send in their reports of cases within a week after they are examined. Many inspectors have fallen into the habit of delaying reports for months.

RULE ESTABLISHED.

amissioner Wight's View as to Reinstatements of Policemen. oner Wight today sent the folowing letter to Major Moore, chief of police, concerning the reinstatement of po-

licemen discharged from the force: "Having already received many applies tions for the reinstatement of police officers who have been dismissed from the force, it occurs to me that it would be well to establish a rule for the consideration of all such cases.

"As the head of the police department you should, I think, have the right to recommend those who are to be put on the force, so that you can have under you such men as will render you efficient and atisfactory service. I prefer not to inter-fere with the management of the details of fere with the management of the details of your department, or of any department with which I have to do, but will be glad with which I have to do, but will be glad at all times to assist in promoting the efficiency in any way that may be desirable. I will, therefore, in all cases of applications for reinstatement, refer without consideration such applications to you for your recommendation, believing that you will be fairly and conscientiously governed in your decision by a desire to do justly by the applicant, consistent with the high standard of your department, which I believe it is your desire as well as my own to maintain."

FOR A NEW TRIAL.

Grounds on Which Mr. Talcott Base

his Motion A motion for a new trial has been filed in the Police Court in the case of Alfred B. Talcott, the aged electrician convicted of a charge of assaulting five girls in Southeast Washington. The defendant in the case was convicted in court Tuesday, and the motion filed this morning by Attorney Campbell Carrington reads:

And now comes the defendant in the above entitled cause and moves for a new trial therein upon the following grounds: First. Because upon all the evidence and the entire case the jury should have re-turned a verdict of not gullty. Second. Because the verdict was contrary

to the evidence. Third. Because the verdict was contrary

Fourth, Because of improprieties on the part of the prosecuting officer in the use of intemperate language during the trial of said cause, and in the course of his adsaid cause, and in the course of his address to the jury, to which objection was made at the time and exception duly taken, to wit: In that the prosecuting actorney during the trial of said cause expressed his personal belief as to the defendant's guilt. saying in the presence of the jury, "I made sure of the defendant's guilt before I di-rected a warrant to issue against him." And in commencing his closing address to the jury in these words: "Gentlemen of the jury, lynch law originated because juries failed to convict." And in another part of his argument, "Imagine, gentlemen of the jury, your own sons being engaged to marry these girls," etc. And in another part of his argument, "Counsel would not stand here and make the appeal that he has if the defendant was not a man of means, and it is a notorious fact that this old man was fooling with other children in

the neighborhood," etc.

Fifth. Because of newly discovered evidence, which the defendant was not able to produce at said trial, after the exercise of due diligence to obtain the same. of due diligence to obtain the same.

Sixth Because of errors on the part of the presiding judge during said trial, in that he refused to allow general evidence of the reputation of the prosecutrices for chastity to be introduced by the defendant, the light of the prosecutric lulis care. and in allowing the prosecutrix Julia Garrison not only to state that she made complaint, but also to give all the particulars and facts of the alleged assault in detail in said complaint in the absence of the defendant; and because of other errors dur-ing said trial upon the part of the presid-ing justice, to which exceptions were duly

Seventh. Because of error in the charge of the presiding judge to the jury. A copy of the motion was served on Prosecuting Attorney Mullowny, and it is probable that the argument will be heard

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Dr. Sargent of Harvard on "The Physical Basis of Mental Life." At the graduating exercises of Friends' Select School at 11 this morning Dr. D. A. Sargent, director of the Hemenway gymrasium of Harvard University, some length on "The Physical Basis of Mental Life." The address was a carefully prepared discussion of the necessity of careful physical training in an education, looking toward good citizenship and the growth of "the man." The large audience

gave Dr. Sargent close attention. The opening address was delivered by the principal, Thomas W. Sidwell. His remarks were especially directed toward the relation between the home and the school. The graduates of the year are Arthur Waters Calver, Anne Graham Hume and Edith Totten. One of these has been in continuous attendance at the school for ten

uccessive years. The exercises today marked the close of one of the most successful years in the history of the institution, the total enrollment for the year being stated at little less than 200 pupils. The graduates' dance and a reception to Dr. Sargent will take place It has been customary to hold the com cement exercises about two weeks be fore the actual closing to avoid the warm weather. The school term will end June 10

The Colonel Protests. Col. Perry Carson, representing the colored laborers of the city, called upon the Commissioners this morning to protest against an award of the street sweeping contract to any firm which employed machines exclusively for doing the work. He argued that it would be a bad move on the part of the authorities to make such a contract, and would result in throwing a large number of honest laborers out of employment. He was personally in favor of doing the work entirely by hand. It was thor-oughly practicable, he thought, and far less objectionable than the present method. Besides, it would provide employment for an additional force of laborers, and this was important at this time, when so many men

Barred After Twenty Years. An important decision relating to the collection of taxes has just been made by the Commissioners. Briefly, it is that taxes which have been standing on the tax books of the District for twenty years are barred by the statute of limitations and cannot be collected. All such cases will be canceled upon the assessor's books, if the case is proven. The question arose several days ago, upon the application of a taxpayer for a remission of the arrears of the general taxes against a certain piece of property, from a certificate of taxes issued by the assessor.

Favor Their Own Race.

A meeting was held last evening at St Luke's Church, the object of which was to create a sentiment among colored people in favor of patronizing business men of their own race and their own institutions. The meeting was under the auspices of the guild, President R. W. Thompson presiding. Speeches were made by Mr. Thompson, B. L. H. Walton, M. M. Holland and ex-Representative John R. Lynch of Mississippi.

Commodore Norton's Request. Apropos of the recent fires at the navy vard, and the inadequate supply of water,

Commodore Norton requested an estimate necessary to increase the supply. A report from the superintendent of the water department recommends a change in the present water system, which it is estimated will cost \$2,562, and increase materially the supply of water in the yard.

The Commissioners have sent to the Secretary of the Treasury an estimate of \$1,-115.30 to meet deficiencies in the case of judgments in re. I. A. Duchesne and the Washington Brewery Company.

Important Opinion of Attorney Thomas on Normal School Question.

Decides the Trustees Have Ample Warrant Under Existing Law to

Change Location of the School. If the board of school trustees shall de-

cide, in the management of the public schools, that it is wise to change the location of the Normal School, it has ample warrant of law to do so. Such is the holding of Attorney Thomas, in an opinion rendered to the Commis

ers several days ago, upon a question pro pounded by the school board, through Trustee Barnard. The opinion is important in several ways, and is as follows: "I have carefully considered the letter of Job Barnard, esq., of the committee on high and normal schools, requesting you

to take the opinion of this office on the fellowing questions:
"First. Is the act of the legislative as-

"First. Is the act of the legislative assembly of June 23, 1873, relating to organization of Normal School in Franklin building, and giving a preference to the graduates of such school, for appointment of teachers, still in force?

"Second. If so, is there any other law now in force which would authorize the school board to discontinue the Normal School in the Franklin building and transfer it to the Henry building?

"The Normal School was established pursuant to an act of the late legislative assembly of the District, approved June 23, 1873, which authorized its location in the Franklin building. The act of the assembly does not mean that the Normal School, after having been established, should necessarily be continued in the Franklin building, if suitable accommodations can be provided for it elsewhere.

"The mere change in location of the Normal School, after the second in the secon

ing, if suitable accommodations can be provided for it elsewhere.

"The mere change in location of the Normal School would have no effect whatever upon the provisions in the act of assembly in respect of preference to its graduates for appointment to teacherships in the public schools. These provisions inhere to the lic schools. These provisions inhere to the system and not to the location of the

school.

"There appears to be no law expressly authorizing the board of public school trustees to discontinue the Normal School in the Franklin building, and to transfer it to the Henry building, but the management and control of the public schools of the District of Columbia being committed by Congress to the Commissioners, with authority to appoint eleven school trustees, it follows that those trustees, with the approval of the Commissioners, may change the location of the Normal School from the Franklin building to the Henry building, such change being in the line of the management and control of the public schools." NO DISCRIMINATION.

Appointments of Colored Men in the

Fire Department. Commissioner Wight, replying to a com-

plaint that there has not been a colored man appointed in the department since Chief Parris was placed in command, says: "Replying to your communication of the 17th instant, in which you state that from reliable information your understanding is that there has not been a colored man appointed on the force of the fire department since Mr. Joseph Parris has been chief, I have to say that after consultation with the chief of the fire department I am informed that there are now on the rolls of formed that there are now on the rolls of the fire department four colored men, who are giving good service and have been pro-moted since their first appointment. In addition, there is one colored man carried on the pension rolls of that department. "I am further advised that no colored man has been rejected as a candidate who has successfully passed the requisite ex-amination and stood the other tests neces-sary in the selection of men for the re-

that no discrimination has been practiced against applicants because of their color, nor will such a policy be allowed while I, as Commissioner, have the oversight of the fire department." Transferred to Another Grade. Wm. B. Shaw, jr., who was chief of the finance division of the pension office until the assignment of Mr. Harlan to that place,

reached in their turn, and I can assure

grade. Mr. Shaw was appointed chief of the finance division June 29, 1889, and has been retained in that place continuously ever since.

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Proposals Accepted. The proposal of the Georgetown Gaslight Company to maintain 400 or more gas lamps west of Rock creek at \$29 per lamp per annum has been accepted by the Commissioners. The Commissioners have also accepted the proposal of the Pennsylvania Globe Company to maintain 1,000 or more Globe Company to maintain 1,000 or more naphtha lamps at \$20 per lamp per annum; the proposal of the Potomac Electric Power Company to maintain 50 or more incandescent electric lamps at \$20 per lamp per annum; the proposal of the Washington Gaslight Company to maintain 4,000 or more gas lamps as it of Pook ease, at the

more gas lamps east of Rock creek at \$20 per lamp per annum.

Market Spaces. Henry W. Tinker, superintendent of the Washington Market Company, has been assigned by the Commissioners to lay off the spaces along the north side of B street between 7th and 9th streets, for the use of

farmers and truckers. Dr. J. W. H. Lovejoy's Health Better. The many friends of the venerable Dr. J. W. H. Lovejoy, whose serious illness during the past two weeks has caused so much anxiety, will be glad to learn that he has greatly improved in health and is no lon-

ger confined to his bed.

A Postponement. The flag presentation to the Washington Light Infantry Corps by the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the

Revolution, arranged for this evening, has been postponed until Tuesday, May 25. Government Bonds Quotations reported by Corson & Macartney, bankers.

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4 per cents, coupon of 1907.....

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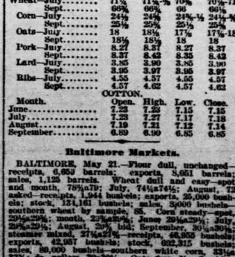
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BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY FINANCE AND TRADE

Wall Street Favorably Affected by the Cuban Resolution.

SHORT COVERING ADVANCED PRICES

American Sugar and Chicago Gas Lacked Attention.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, May 21.-Foreign indifference to yesterday's action in the Senate was disappointing in professional circles and forced a sharp recovery in prices under a demand from the short interest. Advances varying from 1/4 to 1/2 per cent prevailed in all departments during the opening hour.

This action clearly demonstrates the falsity of recent arguments to the effect that Wall street interests were opposed to the recognition of Cuban belligerency. Had they been sharp and substantial declines would have been recorded. The underlying strength of the market

was never better demonstrated than in the face of the possible difficulties arising

from yesterday's action.

The engagement of \$1,200,000 gold for export was passed over without significant The consignment goes to Paris as hereto-

The consignment goes to Paris as heretofore, and is taken to represent payments on
account of recent French importations.

The interstate commerce commission's
argument against the pooling of freight
was submitted during the day and was
taken to indicate the improbability of legislative action during the present session.

The most determined effort in this particular was not expected until next winter. The most determined effort in this par-ticular was not expected until next winter, however, and it is doubtful if much atten-tion will be given to present handicaps. The Trans-Missouri freight decision may be tered down to a point making railroad bus-iness profitable without recourse to new legislation

The market for the properties directly interested indicates that confidence as to future prosperity is increasing. Burlington, for example, selling ex-dividend 1 per cent, practically recovered the full amount of the dividend on the prospects of a favorable de-cision in the Supreme Court on the rate question

question.

The short interest in New Jersey Central advanced the price of those shares during the morning, but not until after yesterday's low level had been duplicated. The entire coal group is lacking in support and fails to rally beyond the limits of professional covering. longer apparent, and confidence in a gradually improving high level is growing in conservative circles.

The tariff bill will be watched carefully,

and the debate will find immediate reflec-tion in the course of prices. It is agreed on

all sides that the uncertainty on this sub-

ject is all that stands in the way of a sub-stantial recovery in financial and commercial values. The industrial shares have halted be-cause of the doubt as to the direction future developments will force upon them. Sugar is almost stationary and Chicago gas is awaiting the Solution of its consolidation bill. With the leaders forced into in-activity the smaller issues must remain ne-

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange. Correspondents, sary in the selection of men for the re-sponsible position. There are at present the names of four or five colored men on the list who have passed the examination, and those cases will be considered when Messrs, Moore & Schley, No. 8) Broadway. Open, High Low, Close

73% C. M. & St. Paul, pfd.
Chicago, R.I. & Pacific. 63½ 63½
Chicago, St. Paul, M.&O. 56½ 575
Consolidated Gas.
Del. Lack, & W. 146½ 148½
Delaware & Hudson 192½ 163½
Den & Ric Grander Den. & Rio Grande, pfd. 168 44% 106% 163 163 Metropolitan Traction... Michigan Central...... Missouri Pacific..... National Lead Co...... National Lead Co., pid... New Jersey Central.... New York Central.... 70 99% Northern Pacific, pfd... Ont. & Western..... Phila. & Reading. Pullman P. C. Co...... Southern Ry., pfd..... Texas Pacific Union Pacific. 5836

*Ex-div. 1.

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Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 10 at 115; 10 at 115; 30 at 115. Lincoin Fire Insurance, 160 at 8%; 50 at 8%. Real Estate Title Insurance, 160 at 8%; 50 at 8%. Real Estate Title Insurance, 160 at 8%; 50 at 8%. Real Estate Title Insurance, 160 at 160; 10 at 160. Mergenthaler Linotype, 8 at 121; 5 at 121. After call—Mergenthaler Linotype, 10 at 120%.

District of Columbia Bonds.—20-year fund 5s, 103 bid. 30-year fund 6s, 20id, 112 bid. Water stock 7s, 1903, currency, 113 bid. Water stock 7s, 1903, currency, 114 bid. 3.65s, funding, currency, 116 bid, 112 asked.

Miscellameous Bonds.—Metropolitan Rallroad 5s, 13 bid. Metropolitan Rallroad conv. 6s, 115% bid. Miscellameous Bonds.—Metropolitan Rallroad 5s, 30 asked. Eckington Rallroad 6s, 85 bid. Columbia Rallroad 6s, 115 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 114 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B, 115 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 103 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 101 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, A. and O., 101 bid. Washington Market Company mp. 6s, 109 bid. Washington Market Company mp. 6s, 109 bid. Washington Market Company mp. 6s, 109 bid. Washington Market Company ext. 6s, 109 bid. Washington Light Infantry 1st 6s, 95 bid. 8c 105 bid. Farmers and Mechanics', 175 bid. Second, 136 bid. Citisees', 95 bid. 97 asked. Lincoln, 102 bid. 108 asked. Tradeers', 96 bid, 97 asked. Lincoln, 102 bid. Washington Safe Deposit and Trust, 115 bid. 125 asked. American Security and Trust, 115 bid. 125 asked. American Security and Trust, 115 bid. 125 asked. American Security and Trust, 115 bid. Washington Safe Deposit and Trust, 114 bid. W

The Baptist Young People's Union will nold a meeting this evening at Metropoli-

Chesapeake and Potomac, 64 bid, 66% as-lean Graphophone, 8% bid, 9% asked. Graphophone, preferred, 10 bid, 11 ask malecellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler (20% bid, 121% asked. Lanston Monoty Washington Market, 11 bid. Great Fal